



# News

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## **\$9.6 Million Awarded to Reduce Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles**

Public agencies throughout the Bay Area have been awarded a total of \$9.6 million in grants from the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Regional Fund program for 24 projects that reduce emissions from motor vehicles. The single largest source of air pollution in the Bay Area is motor vehicles. These projects will remove over 560 tons of smog-causing gases from the air we breathe.

Projects types included purchases of fuel cell and natural gas transit buses and other vehicles; increased shuttle and feeder bus service to train stations; ridesharing programs to encourage carpooling and transit use; arterial management improvement projects to speed the flow of transit buses and traffic along major thoroughfares, bicycle facility improvements such as bike lanes and bike racks and lockers; and projects that encourage "smart growth" development around pre-existing transit hubs.

In addition, \$1.92 million of the 2001/02 TFCA Regional Funds was allocated by the Air District as local matching funds for the second round of the Lower Emission School Bus Program, which is primarily funded by the California Air Resources Board.

"The TFCA Regional Funds are awarded to projects that will take cars off our local streets and highways. The Air District's intention is to maximize these funds to gain the biggest benefit for cleaner air in the Bay Area," said Executive Officer Ellen Garvey.

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TFCA funds are generated by a four dollar per vehicle surcharge on motor vehicle license fees in the nine Bay Area counties. TFCA funding may only be used to fund projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions and support the implementation of selected transportation and mobile source control measures in the State Clean Air Plan.

Forty percent of the revenues generated is distributed by the Congestion Management Agencies in each Bay Area county. The other 60 percent is known as the TFCA Regional Funds. A portion of the Regional Funds is used to fund eligible programs implemented by the Air District (Spare the Air, the Smoking Vehicle program, and the Vehicle Buy-Back program). The remainder is allocated on a competitive basis to projects proposed by public agencies

The table below summarizes the amount of grants awarded for fiscal year 2001/02 by project type. A project listing by county is also attached.

Fuel Cell Transit Bus Purchases	\$2,150,000
Shuttle Services	\$1,929,000
Natural Gas Vehicle Purchases	\$1,360,000
Regional Ridesharing	\$1,195,000
Arterial Management	\$1,191,000
Natural Gas Transit Bus Purchases	\$1,050,000
Bicycle Facility Improvements	\$388,000
Smart Growth	\$370,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,633,000</b>

# Transportation Fund for Clean Air

## FY 2001/2002 REGIONAL FUND GRANT AWARDS

### REGIONAL

Metropolitan Transportation Program	\$1,000,000	Regional Rideshare Program
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### ALAMEDA COUNTY

AC Transit	\$700,000	Fuel Cell Vehicle Purchase—9 Transit Buses
Alameda County Congestion Mgmt Agency	\$500,000	Arterial Management—San Pablo Boulevard Transit Bus Priority
City of Oakland	\$394,812	Natural Gas Vehicle Purchase—10 Refuse Trucks
City of San Leandro	\$147,000	West San Leandro Shuttle
City of Union City	\$300,000	Natural Gas Vehicle Purchase—2 Transit buses
County of Alameda	\$20,000	Arterial Management—Redwood Road Traffic Signal Timing
County of Alameda	\$70,000	Class 2 Bicycle Lane (1.0 mi.)—Tesla Road
Livermore/Amador Valley Transit Authority	\$44,900	Ridesharing—Tri-Valley School Pass Program

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

City of Orinda	\$370,000	Traffic Calming—Orinda Way Central Village North
City of Walnut Creek	\$10,000	Bicycle racks—200 bicycle capacity

### MARIN COUNTY

City of Novato	\$98,125	Class 2 Bicycle Lane—Redwood Boulevard at Diablo/De Long Ave.
County of Marin	\$110,000	Class 2 Bicycle Lane (0.4 mi.)—Ranchitos Road
Golden Gate Bridge, Hwy & Transp District	\$450,000	Fuel Cell Vehicle Purchase—3 Transit Buses

### SANTA CLARA COUNTY

San Jose State University—Assoc Students, Inc.	\$150,000	Campus Ridesharing Program
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	\$782,000	Shuttle Bus Service—ACE Commuter Rail
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	\$1,000,000	Fuel Cell Vehicle Purchase—3 Transit Buses

### SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

City & County of San Francisco	\$965,000	Natural Gas Vehicle Purchase—15 LNG/Diesel Class 8 trucks
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### SAN MATEO COUNTY

City of San Mateo	\$71,000	Arterial Management—East Hillsdale Boulevard
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	\$1,000,000	Caltrain Shuttle Bus Service

### SOLANO COUNTY

City of Fairfield	\$100,000	Class 1 Bicycle Path (1.6 mi.)—Linear Park
City of Fairfield	\$600,000	Arterial Management—Air Base Parkway, Texas St., Travis Blvd., Pennsylvania St.

### SONOMA COUNTY

City of Petaluma	\$300,000	Natural Gas Vehicle Purchase—4 CNG transit buses
Sonoma County Transit	\$450,000	Natural Gas Vehicle Purchase—3 Transit buses

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,632,837</b>	
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